

**Woodthorpe J.I. School**  
**Anti-Bullying Policy for Children**  
“Learn, play and grow together.”

**What is bullying?**

**The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) defines bullying as:**

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.



This could be name calling, hitting, kicking, pushing or threatening to hurt someone, spreading unpleasant stories or isolating someone. Bullying is not a one off fight, an argument with a friend, a spur of the moment threat or a spiteful comment.

Bullying is not okay.



**Do:**

- Tell someone either a teacher, adult or a friend
- Try and tell the bully to stop
- Walk away.

**Don't:**

- Copy the behaviour of the bully
- Do it back to them
- Join in with bullying behaviour

- Ignore it

### **What should I do if I see someone else is being bullied?**

- Tell an adult straight away.
- Don't try and get involved - you might end up getting hurt or you could end up in trouble yourself.
- Don't stay silent or the bullying will keep happening

### **Cyber bullying**

We are not allowed a mobile phone in school. We do not access the internet unsupervised. We learn how to stay safe on line and how to use it safely. Tell your teacher straight away if you are being bullied outside of school.

### **School procedure**

Class teachers will investigate and record information on an incident form and on the computer system.

Class teachers will tell the Head Teacher / Deputy Head Teacher and pass on a copy of the report.

Head Teacher or Deputy will investigate and make sure it gets sorted out.

Where bullying incidents are proven, all parents will be told and asked to support any action taken by the school.

### **The Head Teacher, the Governors and the staff will work together to:**

Make our school a place where everyone can feel safe and happy. That means no bullying allowed. We will help everyone to get on with each other and we believe that everyone has the right to be who they are.

With thanks to school's Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors for helping to write this policy.

### **Rights of the Child – 'Your Rights'**

We have the right to:

- an education (28), to live and grow well (6), live free from discrimination (2), meet and join groups with other children (15), be safe from abuse (34), think and believe what you want as long as you don't stop others enjoying their rights (14), say what you think and express your views freely (14), protection from activities that could harm your development and well-being (37), learn and use the traditions, religion and language of your family (30), rest, leisure, play and participate in cultural and artistic activities (31)

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